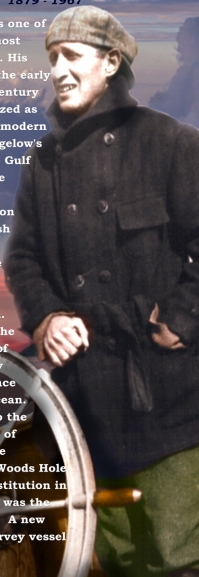


Henry B. Bigelow

Pioneering Ocean Researcher
1879 - 1967

Henry Bigelow was one of the nation's foremost ocean researchers. His investigations in the early part of the 20th century were later recognized as the foundation of modern oceanography. Bigelow's expeditions in the Gulf of Maine, where he collected water samples and data on phytoplankton, fish and hydrography, made it one of the most thoroughly studied bodies of water in the world. Bigelow stressed the interdependence of biology, chemistry and physical science in studying the ocean. His 1929 report to the National Academy of Sciences led to the establishment of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in 1930, of which he was the founding director. A new NOAA fisheries survey vessel bears his name.



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